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Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant application is deemed to be directed to a non-obvious improvement over the invention patented in Pat. No. 6,786,699 to Shapiro et al. The improvements are the pin comprising a part-circumferential wall portion and a graduated wall portion so that he pin is generally wedge-shaped; and a method for installing stationary blades of a turbine using the pin.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Prior Art

The prior art made of record but not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure and consists of 2 patents.

Conrad (2,225,769) and Couture et al. (6,722,848) are cited to show turbine nozzle vanes having load pins.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Ninh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4823. The examiner can be normally reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Edward Look, can be reached at (571) 272-4820. The fax number for this group is

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